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## **RESPONSE**

In response to the Office action dated August 19, 2005, please consider the following arguments and remarks.

The Examiner has rejected claims 6-10 and 18 under 35 U.S.C 103 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,029,823 to Hodgson et al. ("Hodgson"). Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections as detailed below.

Claim 6, as amended, recites a hydraulic mount assembly having a first fluid, which is a magneto-rheological fluid, located in first and second fluid chambers and a second fluid, which